

ATTACHMENT 1(e)

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Reference AA (US 2002/0174336) and AB (US 2004/0153649) were cited in the U.S. Office Action mailed October 21, 2009 in related Application No. 11/488,178.

References AC-AE were cited in the Notice of Allowance mailed March 22, 2010 in related Application No. 11/488,178.

Reference AF (US 6, 985,583) was cited in the U.S. Office Action mailed March 31, 2010 in related Application No. 11/041,223.

The documents D1-D4 (AG-AJ in FORM PTO 1449) discussed below were cited in the Japanese Office Action mailed January 19, 2010 in a related Japanese application (Attachment 1(g) item EL):

< Outlines of cited documents >

List of cited documents

- D1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2001-331755
- D2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2002-215027
- D3. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2001-147984
- D4. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2000-36000

D1 describes a system comprising seller's PC 1001, purchaser's PC 2001, and a mediation server 3001 (FIG.1), wherein the mediation server 3001 checks consistency between information input by the purchaser (such as name of an item to be purchased) and information input by the seller (such as name of an item to be sold), and then transmits a message based on the check.

D2 describes a certification and signature technique in which an attribute certificate includes a plurality of attribute information items that can be verified individually.

D3 describes that a certificate is generated with a time stamp that proves integrity of a tender document.

D4 describes a technique for a computer system in which a neutral observer intermediates a multi-party agreement among multi parties. The neutral observer 100 monitors and stores communications including a part/all of conditions in an electronic commercial transaction.